IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:)
	: Examiner: B. Menberu
MINAKO KATO)
	: Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/656,103) *
	: Confirmation No.: 7041

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: